

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Salcha Fair Association, Inc.****Federal Tax ID: 92-0118522****Project Title:**

Salcha Fair Association, Inc. - Playground and Fair Building Construction

State Funding Requested: \$ 32,000**House District: 12 - F**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Funds are needed to rebuild the community pole barn at the fairgrounds due to safety concerns, and also to complete a community playground.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$32,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The existing pole barn at the Salcha Fairgrounds is no longer safe. Poles are rotting at the base, and new roofing needs to be installed. Detailed cost estimates have been provided and are attached.

\$9,800 of this request is intended to complete the community playground in Salcha. The site has been cleared, access established, pea gravel spread, and equipment installed. To complete the project, these funds would install fencing and a gate for safety purposes and landscaping soil and hydroseeding.

Project Timeline:

2008

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Salcha Fair Association Inc.

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Contact Name: Peggy Burns

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Total Project Snapshot Report

FY 2009 Capital Budget

TPS Report 47767

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Peter Fellman

From: Salch Fair [salchafair@alaska.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2008 12:34 PM
To: Peter Fellman
Subject: RE: Salcha Fair Grant Info

Hey Pete,

We would like the new community center to be built on the fairground property. Due to the unique nature of our land lease. This is Borough land that has been designated for community use. The Salcha Seniors Building was originally built as a community center. We were asked the same question at the first meeting on the Community Center in January. It has since evolved to the Salcha Seniors Building. They have always provided a place for public meetings and gatherings. But, since that original building was built the population has doubled and by the time that we finally are able to built it, the population will have grown more. There building is very old and does not provide enough room to facilitate the current functions nor the future functions that we are looking at providing. Melissa got back with me on a very real response time and estimate and she said February of 09. So they are no where near funding yet. The Salcha Fair Association created a committee and appointed Melissa as the Executive Director of the Community Center Committee so all correspondence pertaining to the Community Center needs to be addressed with her and through Morrie. As far as the \$32,000.00 that we need for the completion of the pole barn and the playground that is what Mayor Whitaker was wanting to get Jennifer to get information on for this summer. So if you will let me know what you need as far as paperwork and when you need it, I will be sure to get it right out. Thanks, Pete

Peggy

From: Peter Fellman [mailto:Peter_Fellman@legis.state.ak.us]
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2008 9:09 AM
To: Salch Fair; John Bitney
Subject: RE: Salcha Fair Grant Info

Peggy, as I understand the new community center would be built on the fairgrounds? Also we got money for the Salcha Senior Center, doesn't that serve as a community center? The \$32,000 for the play ground and pole building is something we can work on. Pete

From: Salch Fair [mailto:salchafair@alaska.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2008 9:12 PM
To: Peter Fellman
Subject: Salcha Fair Grant Info

Hi Pete,

Morrie forwarded your email to me. Please let me start from the beginning. Last year when the Salcha Fair's grant request was vetoed. I contacted Governor Palins's office to see why. I was referred to Karen Rehfeld's office. She told me, "Under the governor's proposed budget for FY09 the City of Fairbanks will receive \$2,662,696. And the FNSB will receive \$5,721,584. In community revenue sharing. This is a 50% increase over current year. The legislature is considering the governor's budget, and we are hoping for their support of the increased funding. These state funds would be available for local priorities, such as your project". She advised me to ask our local government. So I emailed an attachment, letter of grant request to Mayor Jim Whitaker. I followed it up with a hard copy in the mail. Mayor Whitaker called me on January 31st and said that he thinks he can get the money for the playground from the left over budget that the Borough has. Then he asked me how much was I looking for. I told him that it was \$32,000.00. That is the total for finishing the playground and to rebuild the pole barn. These are the funds that we are needing, for this

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summer. It is a big safety hazard, the poles are rotten at the base. I'm afraid if we put up tarps this year the wind will pull it right over?. Anyway, Mayor Whitaker asked me who did I deal with for our last 2 grants and I told him, Senator Therriault's office and John Harris's office and also with you. He said let me get with them and see if we can word it differently and get the money you need to finish these projects. He gave me Jennifer Yuhas' # and said she would be calling me in about a week. When I hadn't heard from her I called her on the 12th of Feb. and left a voice mail message. Now in January Melissa came to our Fair Association meeting and said she would like to form a committee and go ahead and gather information and gather facts to put in the community center that we have been talking about for the last 7 years. The Board gave her our blessing and told her to run with it. She has done an excellent job in the last 2 months and has gathered a lot of support from the community, and has been talking to a lot of the right people. We know we will need big funds to have our community center. I spoke to her tonight about all of this and she said that it would probably be February 09 before we can come up with an exact figure of what we need. But if there is some way to secure the funds and the legislature if feeling generous then maybe we can incorporate basic stuff like getting the land cleared this summer in preparation of the community center. For that, we can come up with a total very quickly. Melissa and Morrie are coming over to my house tomorrow and we are going to discuss all of this. So let us know what you need and when you need it and if you have any suggestions for us we will gladly listen. Also, I am the contact person for the funding, please forward all future correspondence in these matters to me. Thank you Pete for your time

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Fairbanks North Star Borough
Salcha Community

To whom it may concern:

Our first public meeting to solicit ideas in regards to the creation of a Salcha Community Center was Thursday, February 7, 2008. In weather 45 degrees below zero; a record ten (10) people attended. We received the support we were expecting and are moving forward.

At the Salcha Fair Association's meeting, Tuesday, February 12,2008; I presented the S.F.A. attending board with a COMMUNITY WORKBOOK. A compilation of forms generated from the ideas given in the book, "The New Planning for Results" by Sandra Nelson. This book is specifically designed by our public library system for an organization to enter into a community, discover the needs and services desired there, and to plan, build and sustain the system designed to meet those needs. I asked for, and received permission, to print a 100 of these COMMUNITY WORKBOOKS and distribute them throughout the Salcha community, its organization and stakeholders; to be returned to the S.F.A. for consideration by the Community Center Planning Committee.

I am soliciting names for committee board members and sub-committee heads to assist in the research and planning necessary to succeed in our mission. The desire to build a multi-use, 'green' facilities that will service our community in a self-sustainable manner. Our first Salcha Community Center Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 12,2008; at the Salcha Senior Building. All of Salcha is welcomed to attend. Hopefully, we will have some qualified people stepping forward to lend their services to this project.

I wish to feel as if the community, or any interested party, is free to look over my shoulder as I proceed in the position of Executive Director for this Committee. Therefore, I have asked Morrie Mills of the Salcha Fair Association to dedicate a portion of the SALCHA.ORG website to our project. All of the documents generated for this project shall be posted for all to peruse. I hope that this will establish faith in our accountability, encourage positive, intelligent comments and advice; and continue feeding those neighborly feelings of respect and kindness that bond us all together in a good way.

Please feel free to educate me about any necessary step I might not know about. I understand the level of trust my position holds. I want everyone interested to know that I never quit and the word 'no' is defined as 'feedback, try another way'. We will build a Salcha Community Center and we will build it looking forward not only the decade it will take to erect, but beyond.

Melissa Wills-Markgraf Community
Center Committee, Dir. c/o SALCHA
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Peter Fellman

From: Morrie Mills [morrie_mills@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2008 9:12 PM
To: Peter Fellman
Subject: Salcha Projects

Okay, the Paul Harvey on the projects. The pole barn and the playground landscaping, Peggy sent a letter to the mayors office within a couple of days of the Letter of intent that Melissa sent concerning the Community Center. Peggy was asking for about \$32,000.00

We are still in the planning phase, there are some things that some funding could help. Melissa needs a computer and Email account. Printing and cost of research, we plan on going door to door if that is what it takes to find out what these folks want (you got any questions you want us to ask them?), possibly some grounds clearing. Nobody has said no yet! We are still researching the building, Green technology, eco-friendly, self-sustaining. We are entering month two of what we have projected as a ten year timeline. Hey.... fast track is good, but we want to do it right the first time. Eventually we will be consulting with UAF for a lot of cutting edge technology. That new hospital up at Ft. Wainwright was built from ten year old plans, and not near the beds and structural integrity of Basset. The Salcha Community Center will face the Richardson Highway, as a portion of the suggested scenic by-way we would like to show the world we are not a bunch of back woods inbreeds! When people come over that rise at Tryph's old place, we want them to enjoy our part of the woods. Kind of like cruising through Huston-Willow area going to Anchorage

Okay.... that's where I'm at... Not Melissa, Peggy, the Salcha Fair folks, just me, I hate representing my community with out their input.

Melissa and I will be going to the Compass II Visioning Session at The Carlson Center March 1st 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. We have been attending since the first one.

Peace my Friend,
Morrie

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